

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (original) A DNA encoding a plant protein that has a binding activity to a chitin oligosaccharide elicitor, wherein the DNA is any one of (a) to (d):
 - (a) a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3;
 - (b) a DNA that hybridizes with a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3;
 - (c) a DNA encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4; and
 - (d) a DNA encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence with a substitution, deletion, addition, and/or insertion of one or more amino acids in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID: NO: 2 or 4.
2. (original) The DNA of claim 1, wherein the plant is rice.
3. (currently amended) A protein encoded by the DNA of ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1.
4. (currently amended) A vector comprising the DNA of ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1.
5. (currently amended) A transformed plant cell that carries the DNA of claim 1 ~~or 2, or the vector of claim 4~~.
6. (original) A plant transformant comprising the transformed plant cell of claim 5.
7. (original) The plant transformant of claim 6, which is derived from rice.
8. (currently amended) A plant transformant that is a progeny or a clone of the plant transformant of ~~claim 6 or 7~~ claim 6.

9. (currently amended) A breeding material of the plant transformant of ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6.

10. (currently amended) A method for producing the plant transformant of ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~, wherein the method comprises the steps of introducing the DNA of ~~claim 1 or 2, or the vector of claim 4~~ claim 1 into a plant cell, and regenerating a plant from the plant cell.

11. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical agent used to control a plant disease, wherein the agent comprises the DNA of claim 1 ~~or 2, or the vector of claim 4~~.

12. (original) The pharmaceutical agent of claim 11, wherein the plant is rice.

13. (original) The pharmaceutical agent of claim 12, wherein the disease is blast.

14. (original) A method for controlling a plant disease, wherein the method comprises the step of expressing the protein of claim 3 in a cell of a plant.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the plant is rice.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the disease is blast.